Memorandum

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Agenda Item No. 7(A)

Date:

May 14, 2007

To:

Honorable Javier Souto, Chairperson

and Members Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Committee

From:

George M. Burgess

Subject:

County Manager

Report on upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

The following is a list of special events from mid-May 2007 through mid-June for various County Departments and programs as outlined below:

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT - Visit our website at www.mdpls.org for additional program/event information. All programs are free and open to the public.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FROM MAY 15-31, 2007

Haitian Heritage Month

Master Puppeteer Jean-Gerald Auguste will present Marrionelle Folie Traditional Haitian folktales using puppets. Presented in English and Haitian Kreyòl Little River Branch, 160 NE 79TH Street May 16, 2007 at 10:00 AM Country Walk Branch, 15433 SW 137th Avenue May 22, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Art of Storytelling Showcase Series

Allapattah Branch, 1799 NW 35 Street May, 12, 2007 at 2:00 PM California Club Branch. May 1, 2007 at 4:30 PM Coconut Grove Branch, 2875 McFarlane Road May 15, 2007 at 11:00 AM Coconut Grove Branch, 2875 McFarlane Road May 16, 2007 at 12:00 PM Concord Branch, 3882 SW 112 Avenue May 12, 2007 at 2:30 PM Coral Gables Branch, 3443 Segpvoa Street May 9, 2007 at 3:30 PM Coral Reef Branch, 9211 Coral Reef Drive May 4, 2007 at 12:00 PM Country Walk Branch, 15433 SW 137 Avenue May 17, 2007 at 3:30 PM Culmer/Overtown Branch, 350 NW 13 Street May 16, 2007 at 4:00 PM Doral Branch, 10785 NW 58 Street May 2, 2007 at 3:30 PM Edison Center Branch, 531 NW 62nd Street May 15, 2007 at 4:00 PM Edison Center Branch, 531 NW 62nd Street May 8, 2007 at 10:00 AM Fairlawn Branch, 6376 SW 8 Street

May 9, 2007at 10:00 AM

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Golden Glades Branch, 100 NE 166 Street

May 1, 2007at 4:30 PM

Hispanic Branch, 2190 W. Flagler Street

May 17, 2007 at 10:30 AM

Homestead Branch, 700 N Homestead Blvd

May 12, 2007 at 3:00 PM

Kendall Branch, 9101 SW 97th Avenue

May 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Key Biscayne Branch, 299 Crandon Blvd

May 8, 2007 at 1:00 PM

Lakes Of The Meadow Branch, 4284 SW 152nd Avenue

May 3, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Lemon City Branch, 430 NE 61st Street

May 16, 2007 at 10:30 AM

Little River Branch, 160 NE 79th Streeet

May 5, 2007 at 2:30 PM

Main Library, 5/1/2007 at 4:00 PM

Miami Beach Library, 2227 22nd Street

May 7, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Miami Springs Branch, 700 S Royal Poinciana Blvd

May 12, 2007 at 3:00 PM

Model City Branch, 2211 NW 54th Street

May 16, 200 at 3:30 PM

Naranja Branch, 27056 -60 S Dixie Highway

May 8, 2007 at 6:30 PM

North Central Branch, 9590 NW 27 Avenue

May 9, 2007 at 3:30 PM

North Dade Regional, 2455 NW 27th Avenue

May 17, 2007 at 3:30 PM

North Shore Branch, 7501 Collins Avenue

May 9, 2007 at 5:30 PM

Palm Springs North Branch, 17601 NW 78 Avenue

May 1, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Palm Springs North Branch, 17601 NW 78 Avenue

May 3, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Shenandoah Branch, 2111 SW 19th Street

May 2, 2007 at 10:30 AM

South Dade Regional, 10750 SW 211 Street

May 2, 2007 at 3:30 PM

South Miami Branch, 6000 Sunset Drive

May 3, 2007 at 10:00 AM

South Shore Branch, 131 Alton Road

May 12, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Sunny Isles Branch, 18070 Collins Avenue

May 16, 2007 at 5:00 PM

Tamiami Branch, 13250-52 SW 8th Street

May 2, 2007 at 10:00 AM

West Dade Regional, 9445 Coral Way

May 8, 2007 at 3:30 PM

West Flagler Branch, 5050 West Flagler Street

May 3, 2007 at 10:00 AM

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Haitian Heritage Month

David C. Brown, Author of The Story of Little Haiti Lemon City Branch, 430 NE 62st Street May 15, 2007 at 10:00 AM Kendall Branch, 9101 SW 97th Avenue May 23, 2007 at 7:00 PM in conjunction with Haitian Band Etincelle Twobadou

Cuban Independence Day

Estampas Cubanas. Vignettes of Cuban folk life by artist director Olga Flora; Presented in Spanish Palm Springs North Branch, 17601 NW 78 Avenue May 15, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Curated by Cinema Vortex in association with the Consulate General of France-Miami **Colombian Storyteller Jaime Riasocs** will tell traditional Latin American stories and legends. Presented in English and Spanish.

Palm Springs North Branch, 17601 NW 78 Avenue
May 10 at 10:30 AM

Art of Storytelling Mini-Festival with Storytellers Theresa Amoon and Kuniko Yamamota, arts and crafts and more.

Miami Lakes Branch, 6699 Windmill Gate Road May 17 at 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Face Painting, Crepes, and More! Coral Gables Branch, 3443 Segovia Street May 12 at 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAMS JUNE 1-15, 2007

Summer Reading Programs

Serve Up a Good Book

Storytelling - A 40-45 minute highly energetic and interactive storytelling session which includes simple magic. May be a character i.e. Salty Sue the Pirate Lady, Cat in the Hat, the Spelling Bee, Millennia the Muse or various others.

Salty Sue the Pirate

Hialeah Gardens, 11300 NW 87 Court June 4 @ 3:00

Children's Magic Show

Miami Beach Regional, 227 22nd Street

June 9 at 11:00 AM

Children's Magic Show (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

West Flagler Branch, 5050 West Flagler Street

June 9 at 1:00 PM

Wildlife Show (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

Homestead Branch, 700 N Homestead Blvd

June 9 at 11:00 AM

Betty Spaghetti Show (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

North Dade Regional, 2455 NW 27th Avenue June 9 @ 11:00

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Betty Spaghetti Show (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

West Dade Regional, 9445 Coral Way

June 9 at 3:00 PM

Mr. Brian and the Boppets (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

West Kendall Regional, 10201 Hammocks Blvd

June 9 at 11:00 AM

Mr. Brian and the Boppets (Summer Reading Kick-Off)

South Dade Regional, 10750 SW 211 Street

June 9 at 3:00 PM

Need to Read Puppet Show

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street

June 12 at 10:30 AM

Betty Spaghetti Show

Lemon City Branch, 430 NE 61st Street

June 13 at 10:30 AM

Children's Magic Show

Edison Branch, 531 NW 62nd

June 13 at 2:00 PM

Children's Magic Show

Country Walk, 15433 SW 137 Avenue

June 13 at 3:30 PM

Children's Magic Show

Sunny Isles, 18070 Collins Avenue

June 13 at 6:30 PM

Caricaturing Workshop

Hispanic Branch, 2190 West Flagler Street

June 13 at 3:00 PM

Caricaturing Workshop

Kendall Branch, 9101 SW 97th Avenue

June 13 at 7:00 PM

Salty Sue the Pirate- Storytelling

North Dade Regional, 2455 NW 27th Avenue

June 14 at 3:30 PM

Need to Read Puppet Show

Coconut Grove, 2978 McFarlane Road

June 14 at 1:00 PM

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ART EXHIBITIONS

Jacques Henri Lartigue: A Boy, A Camera, An Era

Jacques Henri Lartigue, seminal French artist and photographer began taking photographs at the age of six. This led to a lifetime practice of documenting his world through photography, journals and photo albums.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street

March 15-June 1

The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects.

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Everglades Forever by Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez

Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez are artists, environmental activists and educators. After arriving in Miami from Venezuela two years ago, they began a project of obsessive research of the Everglades through the library system, documenting what they found through art.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street, 2nd Floor Exhibition Space

April 12-August 10

The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects.

Art on the Move-VSA Arts of Florida

VSA Arts of Florida in partnership with the Mailman Center for Child Development June 13 – August 6, 2007 Main Library Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street 101 West Flagler Street

Art on the Move Opening & Talking Books Anniversary Party:

Saturday, June 16, 1:00- 3:30pm

This is a traveling exhibit of 20 pieces of artwork created through the Mailman Center's ArtAbilities project. ArtAbilities was started in 1995 as a tool to reveal and showcase the artistic abilities of children ages 6-21 with disabilities in Miami-Dade County. The exhibition includes a tactile replication of 6 exhibit pieces for all visitors to touch, a visual description of each piece for individuals who are blind or vision impaired; an outreach class linking arts and inclusion; training on inclusion for staff/volunteers; and a response board where visitors of all ages can comment about their experience. The exhibition site will provide ASL interpreters at posted times and the collateral materials will be available in alternative formats, including Braille and Large Print. The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects.

Library and the Lens: Photographs from the Permanent Collection

West Kendall Regional Library, 10201 Hammocks Blvd

April 23-August 23

This exhibition includes color and black-and-white photographs from the Library's Permanent Collection. Included are works by Mario Algaze, Eduardo del Valle, Mirta Gomez, Silvia Lizama, Joseph Tamargo, Roberto Machado Ortega and C. Junquera.

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Images of Afghanistan: Photographs by Joseph Hoyt

West Dade Regional Library, 9445 Coral Way

March 10-May 31

These black and white photographic works by Joseph Hoyt depict Afghanistan in the early 1970s, before the start of continuous conflict and turmoil. Hoyt spent a total of three years exploring Afghanistan and capturing images of his travels there.

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Pradeep Dalal: Go West and Malabar Hill

Coral Gables Branch Library, 3443 Segovia Street

May 5-August 27

In Pradeep Dalal's photomontages, he assembles different time periods, textures and photographic genres into one image as a way to "bring together disparate-even contradictory" autobiographical

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Down by the Riverside/Holding On to Southern Traditions

By Ms. Snovia Phillips, Big Mama Quilters and Vintage Guild, Inc., and the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Troop #1026, of Liberty City Charter School South Dade Regional Branch, 10750 SW 211 Street, Miami – 305-233-8140 Through June 6, 2007

These popular exhibitions began as part of the Goodbread Alley Quiltfest in the Fall of 2006, organized by Culmer/Overtown Branch library staff and preservationist/historian Anita Jones. The quilts embody the rich traditions of Southern and African-American quiltmaking, created by both veteran and youth quilters from Miami. The Miami-Dade Public Library System's Art Services and Exhibitions Department curates a year-round program of exhibitions, performances, lectures, panel discussions, and community art projects.

<u>PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Visit our website at http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/for additional program/event information.</u>

Chihuly at Fairchild

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden 21805 SW 114 Avenue May 1, 2007 thru May 31, 2007 9:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Enjoy this beautiful tropical glass garden. Also, experience the magic of art and flowers at night on Thursdays fro 6-9:30 p.m.

Cost - \$30 adults, \$20 ages 6-17

Call (305) 667-1651, Ext. 3358 for more information

4th Annual Blue Water Fishing Tournament

Saturday, June 9, 2007

Fishermen compete for more than \$30,000 in cash and prizes. Tournament operates from all six Miami-Dade County Marinas: Crandon Marina, Haulover Marina, Matheson Hammock Marina, Pelican Harbor Marina, Black Point Marina, Homestead Bayfront Marina; Call (305) 755-7939 for more information

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

ONGOING EXHIBITION

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida On display year-round

Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you wander through the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida. Visit a re-creation of the Miami Circle and view a sea turtle shell and other artifacts from this 2,000 year-old settlement at the mouth of the Miami River. Walk through the homes of Seminole Indians and Anglo-American settlers in South Florida. Climb on board an actual 1920s trolley and take a video tour of downtown Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables. View photographs of the African American community of Overtown, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami. Also on permanent display are original prints of John James Audubon's paintings of Florida birds.

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SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Port Royal, Jamaica
On display through June 3, 2007

Port Royal, once known as the "wickedest city on earth," includes multiple histories significant to the Caribbean and the world: a 17th-century cosmopolitan port comparable to Boston, a haven for pirates, a community of skilled craftsmen and shipwrights, a center for the lucrative African slave trade, the deadly earthquake of 1692, two centuries as a British Royal Navy base, and a modern-day fishing town and heritage site. See artifacts including pewter plates, silver spoons, glass bottles, ceramic cups, clay pipes, tortoise-shell combs and metal tools. View rare books, maps, prints, photographs and video footage that depict the design and recovery of this partially sunken city. Port Royal, Jamaica is jointly organized by the Institute of Jamaica and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida.

Miami Bungalows May 17 through September 9, 2007

The bungalow was a popular house type with the growing middle class across America during the early twentieth century. Ample porches, wide eaves, local building materials and natural ventilation made the bungalow well suited to South Florida's subtropical environment. In spite of their practicality, bungalows today are rapidly disappearing from the Miami landscape to make room for new developments. View this important part of Miami's dwelling heritage through drawings, photographs and models built by architecture students. Guest curator is Jose Vazquez, a professor of architecture at Miami Dade College.

Water Stories
June 22 through January 20, 2008

Water Stories will explore our interaction with water in South Florida over the past 10,000 years through a family-friendly, multi-sensory experience with four main themes: nourishment, transportation, recreation and environmental impacts. See prehistoric maritime artifacts, a commercial fisherman's gear and rods and reels spanning from the nineteenth century to the present. View a chronology of water vessels, including an Indian canoe, a trapper's skiff, a sailboat designed for Biscayne Bay's shallow waters and a Cuban refugee raft. Catch a sailfish using a fishing simulator. Experience hurricane force winds in a tropical cyclone simulator, and see the effects of rising waters and flooding in a storm surge simulation model. View a large aquarium with live fish, and select historical events along a timeline to compare and contrast with recent stories.

CULTURAL AND ADULT PROGRAMMING

Thursday Evening Programming

FILM & PERFORMANCE Tribute to Miss Lou 6:30-8:30 pm

View the documentary film Miss Lou Then and Now. Listen to local poets and writers Malachi Smith, Donna Weir-Soley, Andrea Smith and Geoffrey Philp perform the work of the legendary Jamaican storyteller and poet Louise Bennett. Sponsored by The Jamaica Committee.

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In Search of South Florida Historic Tours with Dr. Paul George, Eco-History Tours & Education Programs

Bird's Eye Metromover Miami Architecture Tour Saturday, June 9

10 am-noon

Be cool onboard an air-conditioned Metromover car with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. Start with the Brickell Loop for a thrilling ride high across the Miami River, than cover the Inner and Omni Loops, as you glide above miles of Miami architecture. Gather at platform stops, as Dr. George points out the architectural delights and the history behind them, including the Freedom Tower, Bayfront Park, Burdines and Central Baptist Church with its gold spire. Meet at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, 101 W Flagler Street, Miami. Discounted parking at 50 NW Second Avenue. HMSF members \$17, Non-members \$22. For information, call 305.375.1621.

NEW

Pre Father's Day Stiltsville & Key Biscayne Boat Tour Sunday, June 10 10 am-1 pm

Voted Best Tour, Miami New Times. Bring Dad on this beautiful boat trip with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George to one of Miami's hidden gems—Stiltsville, a remnant community of seven houses perched on stilts in the middle of the crystal turquoise waters of Biscayne Bay. See the dazzling Cape Florida Lighthouse and learn about the history of Key Biscayne. Be entertained by stories of fabulous parties and nefarious mobsters as dolphins follow the boat. HMSF members \$34, Non-members \$39. Advance reservations and payment required. For information and reservations, call 305.375.1621.

PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Biscayne Country, Saturday, May 19 1-3 pm

See the desolate beauty that once characterized the "Era of the Bay." Make your own model box camera like the one Commodore Ralph Munroe used during those bygone days. HMSF, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami 33130. For more information, call 305.375.1629. FREE.

Tropical Explorers Summer Camp Caribbean Expedition 9 am to 5 pm (early 8:30 am drop-off and late 5:30 pm pick-up) May 31-August 10, 2007

Give your child a summer camp experience they will never forget. These weeklong camp sessions at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida are packed with exciting hands-on indoor and outdoor activities, ideal for children 6 to 12 years of age. The museum's highly skilled educators and counselors guide campers to discover the treasures of South Florida's history through gallery games, music, arts and crafts, field trips to historical sites and much more! HMSF members \$30 per day, Non-members \$35 per day, HMSF members \$115 per week, Non-members \$120 per week

MIAMI ART MUSEUM (MAM) - Website Providing Event information: http://www.miamiartmuseum.org

Name of Event: Second Saturdays are Free for Families -

Date of Event: May 12, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

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Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: MAM's gallery teachers lead creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on

view. Colorful Cubes: Construct creative, colorful and changeable picture-panel cubes.

Name of Event: JAM at MAM - MAM Social

Date of Event: May 17, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: Join MAM PARTNERS, the museum's young professionals group, for a happy

hour with an artful twist.

Name of Event: Second Saturdays are Free for Families -

Date of Event: June 9, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: MAM's gallery teachers lead creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on

view. Curate a Collection -- Design your own museum gallery diorama.

Name of Event: **JAM at MAM**Date of Event: June 21, 5-8:30pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000 Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.

Name of Event: Tamayo: A Modern Icon Reinterpreted

Date of Event: June 24 - September 16, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: The first major exhibition in the U.S. of the work of the Mexican master, Rufino

Tamayo (1899-1991), in nearly thirty years.

Name of Event: **Festival of Mexico** Date of Event: June 24, 2-4pm

Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami FL 33130

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Description of Event: In conjunction with the opening of *Tamayo: A Modern Icon Reinterpreted* MAM will hold a Festival of Mexico featuring dancers from Oaxaca, Mexico, Tamayo's home state and a lecture by the exhibit's curator.

VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS - For further information:

305.860.8436 or visit their website at: learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org

Thursday, March 15, 2007 – June 1, 2007

Event: Contemporary Arts Project, Film "Still Life"

A site specific installation at Vizcaya by New York-based visual artist Anna Gaskell. Using Vizcaya as a portal, Anna Gaskell explores ideas about the relations of time and space, memory and amnesia and déjà vu. Moving throughout the garden the camera engages the viewer in a game of hide and seek.

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, Breakfast Room

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. daily

Free with paid museum admission

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Sunday, May 20, 2007

Event: Art Talks Still Life, Contemporary Arts Project 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breakfast Room, Main House

This program is designed for college students, ages 18 through 22 and is presented in coordination with Culture Shock Miami. Join us for a discussion of Still Life led by Wendy Wolf, School, Youth and Family Programs Manager. Participation in this program is limited as is \$2.50 though Culture Shock (www.cultureshockmiami.com). Registration is required.

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

Event: Artist Talk

Still Life, Contemporary Arts Project

7:00 p.m.

Courtyard, Main House

Renowned visual artist Anna Gaskell discusses her latest work, *Still Life*, a site-specific installation that was inspired by and filmed on location in Vizcaya's formal gardens.

Limited Seating Free Event Reservations Required

Sunday, June 10, 2007

Event: Art-Making Activity

Boats & Water Transportation – James Deering, Vizcaya's founder, enjoyed boating and fishing on Biscayne Bay. Learn about the boats James Deering owned, design your own boat and test it for flotation.

Location: Vizcaya, Main House, South Terrace

Time: Drop-in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Free with admission

MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM (MSM) - Website Providing Event information: http://www.miamisci.org

Name of Event: Fabulous First Friday

Date of Event: May 4, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: Free star show and observatory from 7:30 to 10:00 PM, laser light shows at

9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 PM (admission \$7 per show), hands-on experiments and exhibits.

Name of Event: **Lizard Day**Date of Event: June 10, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: A day devoted to all things lizard – bring in your own lizard and enter contests for largest, smallest, most exotic lizard. Learn about the different types of lizards, and "eat like a lizard" with our chef's insect creations.

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Name of Event: The Dinosaurs of China

Date of Event: June 16 premiere

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: The world premiere of some of the finest and most rare dinosaur fossils ever discovered. This exhibition features 52 dinosaur fossils and 14 gargantuan-sized skeletons, including the 85-foot long Mamenchisaurus jigvanensis, the longest-necked dinosaur to have ever lived.

Name of Event: Science Summer Camp Date of Event: June 11-August 3, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4223

Description of Event: The Museum's 41st annual summer camp, featuring our new exhibition, "The

Dinosaurs of China". Over 180 classes available for children from pre-K through 8th grade.

CARNIVAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Florida Grand Opera Presents

ANNA KARENINA

April 28 @ 7p.m. - World Premiere May 2, 5, 8, 11 @ 8 p.m. May 13 @ 2 p.m. (matinee)

Composer: David Carlson Librettist: Colin Graham

Language: Sung in English with English and Spanish translations

Florida Grand Opera has commissioned a new opera based on Anna Karenina, one of the most compelling love stories in all of literature, from American composer David Carlson. Within the constraints of Russian society in the 19th century, Anna tries to follow her heart. but she, along with everyone she loves, is overwhelmed by the terrible choices she is forced to make and their bitter consequences. Her tragic descent comes to a famously shattering conclusion.

Ziff Ballet Opera House

Florida Grand Opera Presents

SAMSON ET DALILA (Samson and Delilah)

April 14 @ 7 p.m. April 18, 21, 24, 27 @ 8 p.m. April 29, May 6 @ 2 p.m. May 3 @ 8 p.m.

Composer: Camille Saint-Saëns

Language: Sung in French with English and Spanish translations

Passion! Betrayal! Retribution! All of this and more are at the heart of one of the world's most famous love stories. Saint-Saens' operatic





masterpiece of the Old Testament story provides a sweeping, atmospheric musical tableaux of the ancient Middle East, and contains some of opera's most famous music, including Dalila's great seduction scene. Samson succumbs and gives up the secret of his great strength. Newly shorn, he is taken captive by the Philistines and blinded, but when he is brought into a celebration where the Philistines and Dalila mock him, he prays for strength one last time. **Ziff Ballet Opera House**

THE BASEBALL MUSIC PROJECT

QLEXUS

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A Celebration of our National Pastime through Music and Pictures.

Dave Winfield, Narrator and Host with Musical Accompaniment by Florida Classical Orchestra Sponsored by South Florida Lexus Dealers May 4 @ 8 p.m.

Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfied takes us on a tour of music inspired by America's favorite pastime. A chorus, soloists, and symphony orchestra, conducted by Robert Thompson, perform baseball-themed songs such as "Take me Out to the Ballgame," "You've Gotta Have Heart," "Let's Keep the Dodgers in Brooklyn," "Casey at the Bat," and "Joltin' Joe DiMaggio," while images and video from the Baseball Hall of Fame bring back more than a century of memorable moments from the game all America loves to play. Knight Concert Hall

The Lady and the Legend Show

A Tribute to Lionel Hampton, Starring Sylvia Bennett May 4 @ 8 p.m.

A 10-year musical love affair between legendary "king of the vibes" Lionel Hampton and Miami's own international recording artist Sylvia Bennett has resulted in "The Lady and the Legend" show which premieres in Miami at 8 p.m., Friday, May 4 at Carnival Center for the Performing Arts, Studio Theater.



This musical tribute to late jazz great Hampton includes a live performance by the silken voiced Bennett along with an audio visual historical journey showcasing Hampton at his best. Produced in the fashion of a one-act Broadway play along with the magic of technology, the show brings Hampton and Bennett together again on stage performing big band favorites, classic jazz and some innovative surprises.

Inspired by the recent release of the tribute CD/DVD, "There Will Never Be Another You," Bennett has been on a mission to keep the memory of Hampton alive for generations to come. The newly released

recording was a once buried treasure that was unearthed, finished and released by Out of Sight Music, Inc. in 2006.

Audio and video from the Miami recording session are featured in "The Lady and the Legend's" one-night Miami premiere. The show includes never before heard studio recordings and never released video footage and an intimate look at the unique relationship between Hampton and Bennett.

Hampton is a John F. Kennedy Center of the Performing Arts honoree, a recipient of the National Medal of the Arts and is a Jazz Master of the National Endowment for the Arts. The University of Idaho honored him by naming its music school, The Lionel Hampton School of Music. For nearly 20 years, Hampton and the school partnered to showcase America's jazz music tradition and promote music education.

Discovered by Benny Goodman, Hampton is credited with popularizing the vibraphone as a jazz instrument. He first played the vibraphone in a band that featured Louis Armstrong. He performed with the big band and jazz greats of multiple generations and also became known for his two-finger piano technique. Hampton died Aug. 31, 2002.

Bennett became the first woman to record with Hampton in 30 years with the album, Sentimental Journey," nominated for a Grammy in 1987. The two became presidential favorites having performed at the inaugurations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush Sr. Bennett has fond memories of her time with Hampton while on tour in Florida including Art Deco Weekend on Miami Beach and performances in Orlando, Vero Beach and St. Petersburg.

Bennett says of Hampton, "He has had such a profound effect on our musical history. He touched so many lives with his performances and his humanity. He was my mentor and my friend. His spirit and his music should live on. He should not be forgotten."

C. Michael Bailey, senior writer from All About Jazz says, "Hampton found his vocal soul mate and the chemical reaction the two conjure up on 'There Will Never Be Another You' is as inventive as it is entertaining."

At a preview performance at the White Plains Center for the Performing Arts March 21, show attendee Joel Sachs said, "I have been to many Broadway shows, concerts and nightclubs and I think this is one of the most unique musical experiences I have ever seen. It was incredible how they technically meshed the songs, video and live performances together. Sylvia's presentation was absolutely phenomenal."

Studio Theater

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New World Symphony Presents

THE ROMANTIC SOUND

May 5 @ 2007

Renee Fleming, the leading soprano of our time, makes her NWS debut performing Richard Strauss's transcendent song cycle. MTT leads Sibelius's Second Symphony, popular for its individualism, folk themes, and distinctly Finnish flavor. Dvorák's Carnival Overture adds stunning orchestral colors and boisterously good fun.

Knight Concert Hall

Concert Association of Florida

EVGENY KISSIN

May 7@ 8 p.m.

Through his extraordinary virtuosity and powerful interpretations, Evgeny Kissin stands at the forefront of the young generation of pianists. He is now in demand the world over, appearing regularly with such conductors as Seiji Ozawa, Claudio Abbado, Vladimir Ashkenazy, James Levine, Kurt Masur and Daniel Barenboim, as well as with all the major orchestras of the world

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Camacho Entertainment Presents

Raphael en Concierto

May 11 @ 8 p.m.

Spanish Super Star, returns for a memorable concert after years of absence in the miami stages. Bigger and Better than ever.

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Duice Pontes

May 12 @ 8 p.m.

The great Italian film composer Ennio Morricone built an entire show of his music to showcase her voice, and Brazilian superstar Caetano Veloso calls her one of his favorite fellow artists. Now ex-rock 'n' roller Dulce Pontes is transforming the music of her native Portugal, and becoming one of the most popular performers of world music. Pontes' totally revelatory way with a song "will please lovers of passionate fado, as well as many who have never explored this delicate yet potent genre" (*Phildadelphia City Paper*).

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Twelve Angry Men

May 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 @ 8 p.m. May 19, 20 @ 2 p.m. May 20 @ 7:30 p.m. THE GREATEST COURTROOM DRAMA OF ALL TIME!

Twelve Jurors. Twelve walks of life. And only two ways to rule: guilty or not guilty. What seems like an open-and-shut murder case becomes a twisted puzzle of prejudice and intrigue. Twelve Jurors in a murder trial are corralled in a room for the duration of their deliberation. As prejudices are tested and evidence weighed, the entire jury is forced to look past the show of the courtroom to unearth the shocking truth. Faced with playing the hangmen, these dozen men must first face themselves. Starring Richard Thomas and directed by Scott Ellis, the National Tour of TWELVE ANGRY MEN is produced by Roundabout Theatre Company, one of the country's leading not-for-profit theatres. Ziff Ballet Opera House

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JVC Jazz Festival

May 19 @ 8 p.m.

World reknown JVC Jazz Festival is proud to present Brazilian Jazz Pop superstar Bebel Gilberto, in her Carnival Center debut, as well as rising senstaion, Federico Aubele

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Roberto Carlos en Concierto

May 24, 25 @ 8 p.m.

Legendary Latin music idol, GRAMMY award winner, and best selling Brazilian artist of all time, with over 100 million units sold throughout his career. After nine years of absence from U.S. stages, Roberto Carlos comes to Miami for two unforgettable shows. Fans will not only enjoy the hits that have made this beloved singer/songwriter a living legend, but will take part of a historic moment: the live recording of his first DVD in Spanish ever, to be released later this year.

Legendario ídolo de la música latina, ganador de un premio GRAMMY, el artista brasileño más importante de la historia, con más de 100 millones unidades vendidas a lo largo de su carrera. Tras nueve años de ausencia de los escenarios en los Estados Unidos, Roberto Carlos vuelve a Miami para dos conciertos inolvidables. Los fanáticos no sólo disfrutarán de los grandes éxitos de este adorado cantautor, sino que formarán parte de un momento histórico: la grabación en vivo de su su primer DVD en español, pautado para salir a la venta antes de fin de

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The McIntyre Institute Presents

Called 2 Dance/Chapter IV

May 26 @ 7 p.m.

The McIntyre Institute specializing in liturgical dance, will debut their 7th annual dance production, "Called 2 Dance" Chapter 4. This nationally acclaimed, multi cultural event takes place at the Carnival Center for the Performing Arts, Saturday May 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

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Founded in 2000 by Dr. Vincent and Dr. Constance McIntyre, The McIntyre Institute was established for the purpose of providing community development, cultural enhancement, character education, and personal enlightenment in a Christian based environment.

"Called 2 Dance" is directed by Dr. Constance McIntyre and will showcase some of Miami's most talented dancers; featuring choreography by Mr. Sherone Price former dancer with the Chuck Davis African Dance Theater and renown gospel artist J. Moss and 21:03. This event is catered to the young and mature, a great family outing.

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Alex Muñoz

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